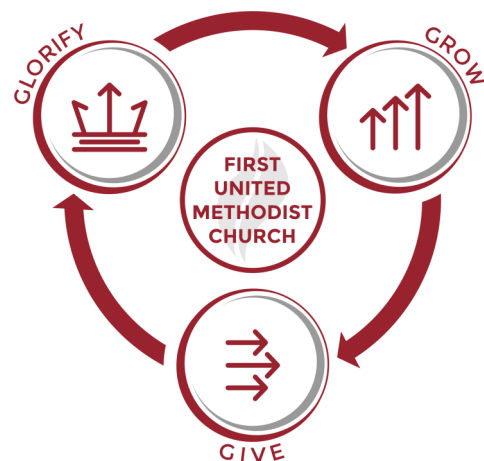


By the Numbers

- Our average worship attendance for February 2018 was 453 compared to February 2017 was 422.—February 11 we had 500 in attendance.
- YTD, we are averaging 204 in the 8:30 Traditional, 119 in the 10:50 Traditional and 132 in the 10:50 Modern. Overall, we are averaging 453.
- Our Finances as of January 2018 income \$83,548.63 expenses \$83,143.30 leaving a positive \$405.33.
- Did you know we had 201 first-time guests in 2017? As of February 2018 we have had 43 first time guests.
- We had 107 second-time guests in 2017.
- Merge Retreat (Confirmation Retreat) had attendance of 17 adults and youth combined.
- Movie Night attendance on February 25 was 37.
- WNF meal attendance average since January is 141.



Thank You Notes

'In His Hands' Trike-a-Thon raises \$10,000.85

The 'In His Hands' preschool Trike-a-Thon raised \$10,000.85 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. In thirteen years of sponsoring this event, 'In His Hands' preschool has raised over \$56,000. Thank you to all who helped with this fantastic achievement! The event was designed to promote bicycle safety and raise money for childhood cancer research. The Trike-a-Thon was held on Feb. 6th and 7th.

A special thank you to McDonalds of Canyon for their donation of paper goods and Wal-Mart of Canyon for their monetary donation.

We also want to thank Officer Matt Wingate for teaching our children about bike and trike safety.



Blessings,
Brenda Shepherd
In His Hands Child Development Center Director

Thank you for the wonderful goodies in January and February. FUMC Canyon is so wonderful to us.

Thankful,
Canyon Intermediate Staff

Joys and Concerns

HEALTH CONCERNS: Lori Williams' father, David Preston, Jim Silverthorn, Dean Hawkins, Kelli Marr, David Boggs, Gene Shipman, sister of Frank Cordova sister-Teresa, Ridley Nuckols, Steve Woodard, Ferne Hefner's sister, Lisa Jones mother in law, Roma Marshall, Dale Stahlecker, Jack Gaby

IN CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY: the Young family on the death of Pam Young's mother, the Lewis family on the death of Sally Lewis' mother, the family of Col. Ray Lumry, the Lara family on the death of Jessie's grandparents

JOY & CONCERNS: Ivan Ramirez, Sam Williams, Klemens & Amanda Ast, Johnson family—Holloway's relative house fire, Daniel Mayberry, John Spring, pray for rain(moisture), Laura's cousin that passed away from brain cancer, Michael Arnett, Nicole Mustoe—AISD teacher of the Year, great Daddy Daughter Dinner Dance

ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS: Dylan Brown, Shelly Gross, Dick Elliott, Lou Ann Barnhart, Betty Hill, Carolyn Mason, Beth Sanchez, Judy Gilliam, Kimberly Conrad, Kathy Noel, Keith & Dorinda McCormack, Terry Gamblin, Betty Ketchersid, Merrell Winstead, Martin Mordecai, Waylon Malone, T.K. Baker, Erin Green, Priscilla Delatte, Christie Wilhite, Brandi Sustaie, Bobby Altman, Kingston Marr, Kason Gabbard, Alisann Smookler, Addi Martinez, Virginia Tovar, Lynn Guy, Kelli Marr, Becca Hill, Clois Rowland, Dean Hawkins, Carol Turner, Rachel Stockstill, Rachel Musgrave, Kenneth Schlabs, Jack Gaby

ADDITIONAL INTERCESSORY PRAYERS: President Trump and our country's leaders, Costa Rica Team, Backyard Missions, War-torn Countries, the economy, our policeman and firemen, those in the military, unchurched men, women and children and the Wesley Foundation. *Please email fumcprayer@gmail.com or call 806-655-2851 with all prayer requests, joys, concerns or updates. If you have requested someone be added to the Ongoing Prayer Concerns, please update us on that person occasionally; especially if that person needs to be removed from the list. Please email fumcprayer@gmail.com or call 806-655-2851 with all prayer requests, joys, concerns or updates. If you have requested someone be added to the Ongoing Prayer Concerns, please update us on that person occasionally; especially if that person needs to be removed from the list.*

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A Note From the Pastor



"Please Lord, Send Someone Else!"

Have you ever felt that way? I can relate to Moses – "Please, my Lord, just send someone else." I'm sure all of us have felt that way at one time or another. We know something we should do but don't

want to do it. We have that gut feeling that we should call someone, or volunteer for a ministry at church or change a habit or (fill in the blank). But we really don't want to do it. We would rather just have life go on the way it is.

I remember when I was called to full-time paid ministry. (As opposed to full-time unpaid ministry in which most of you are called :). I was like Moses – "Who am I!" I protested. I got scared. I didn't want to go. But thankfully I did. It has changed the course of my life. Now I would never say that answering God's call makes life easier – it doesn't. But it does give life purpose. And just like Moses, God promises that he will be with us.

Now answering a call to ministry is a big deal, but I wonder how many little things I miss every day because I don't discipline myself to listen to God. How many times I've walked past opportunities to be a blessing to someone, but have been too busy or too scared or too preoccupied with whatever was going on to notice. I believe God desires to speak to us all the time. I believe God moves in our life more than we realize. But do we notice?

I had the privilege of doing Colonel Raymond Lumry's funeral service last week. He died at the ripe old age of 101. One of the blessings that I had was to read through his "autobiography" that he wrote recalling much of his life and his life in the military. What struck me about the way

he wrote was his awareness of how God had directed him through his choosing his career, through his time in the military and in World War II, through meeting his wife at a church, etc. Almost every event was seen through the lens of the hand of God at work. Did he have an easy life? No. Did he never face hardships? No. Did he witness the horrors of war and death and destruction? Yes. But, did he recognize that God was with him in spite of what went on around him? YES!

It's my prayer that we are the same way. That we recognize that God is indeed with us. And that God has called us – yes, even you! He has called us to be a blessing! So take a deep breath...Let it out... Now prepare yourself. You are a child of God, created in His image. And you have been called. Go and make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!

I look forward to seeing you Sunday!

Blessings,

Rick Enns
Sr. Pastor
revrick@firstchurchcanyon.com



Upcoming Events



Grow Groups & Fellowship Meal

Beginning January 10th
at 5:30

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP MEALS

5:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

\$3 per individual, \$10 per family
Everyone is welcome!

February 28th

French Dip Sandwich, Potato Salad
Chocolate-Peanut Butter-Goosey
Butter Cake

March 7th

Smoked BBQ Sausage, Cornbread
Salad, Brownies

March 14th

Spring Break – no fellowship meal

March 21st

Fish n' Chips, Homemade Tartar
Sauce, Coleslaw, Raspberry Coconut
Magic Bars

March 28th

Holy Week – no fellowship meal

Easter Lily Sales

The Ruth Ann Brillhart Circle is selling Easter Lilies on Sunday March 18 & 25. The lilies are \$15.00 and all proceeds go to missions. The United Methodist Women work hard to raise funds for those women and children that are struggling locally, nationally and worldwide. We hope that you'll buy a flower that will brighten either your home or someone else's home, but know you're really making a contribution to those less fortunate. Thank you!

Once a Month Baking

We spend a day together in the kitchen with fun, fellowship, and filling the freezer with baked goodies to use for our Sunday mornings hospitality.

If you would like to join us on one of our Once A Month Baking days, please e-mail kitchen coordinator Charlotte Wilson at usdkwilson@sbcglobal.net for more information.

Upcoming baking days:

Thursday March 8th, Saturday April 7th, Thursday May 3rd

Easter Sunday Hospitality

We will not be hosting a sit-down Easter Brunch this year, but will offer our usual Sunday Morning Hospitality with coffee and breakfast snacks all morning in both the Parlor and Fellowship Hall. Due to the higher attendance this morning, we will be asking for volunteers to help with food and with hosting/clean-up. Please watch for a sign-up sheet in your Sunday School Class!

Holy Week & Easter Sunday Services

- Wednesday, March 28—NO WNF Meal, NO ACTIVITIES
- Maundy Thursday, March 29 6:00-8:00 pm — Come & Go Communion—Sanctuary
- Good Friday Worship Service, Friday, March 30, 6:00 pm—Sanctuary
- Easter Sunday, April 1—We will have three services Easter morning and will NOT have Sunday School. The service times will be as follows: 8:30 & 10:50 Traditional Worship—Sanctuary, 10:50 Modern Worship—Fellowship Hall.

Ministry Spotlight—Children's Ministry



Children's minister Kim Hopson has a vision—one featuring children laughing in wonder, launching rockets, exploring a micro-world, playing magnet mania, and more than anything, learning about the love of Jesus. Through KidMin Science, she's found a way to bring her love of chemistry and her passion for ministry together for the children of FUMC and the community.

The children's ministry will host a free, family-friendly science night of hands-on science activities Wednesday, April 25 from 6-7 p.m. followed by "The Amazing Chemistry Show," from 7-8 p.m. Presented by KidMin founder Josh Denhart, the show utilizes fire, explosions and foam to capture the attention of children while presenting the gospel in a clear and creative way.

"This is going to be a once-in-a-lifetime experience for our community," Hopson said. "It's going to be fun and loud and a new way for kids and families to experience God."

Denhart worked for more than 10 years as a children's minister and is now a speaker, author and ministry consultant. A former high school chemistry teacher, Denhart has a BA in chemistry education, an MA in effective instruction and is national board certified in teacher excellence.

Hopson discovered Denhart's program through a children's ministry academy she has been attending during the past year. As a former teacher, the concept of using an educational engagement tool as a vehicle to present the gospel appealed to Hopson, leading her to investigate what it would take to bring Denhart's presentation to Canyon.

"I like science. I love chemistry. That just excites me," Hopson said. "When you can put the salvation story to chemistry experiments, that sounds awesome to me. I just reached out to him, and he was coming to Texas for some other shows. It was an opportunity I just couldn't see passing up."

To fund the special event, the children's ministry will offer this one-time event rather than offer Vacation Bible School in the summer. Hopson said she wants the church to understand this is a special, one-

time opportunity to offer something different to the community, and Vacation Bible School will return in summer of 2019.

Hopson's passion for sharing her faith started and was nurtured in Canyon FUMC through programs like VBS.

"Canyon is my church," Hopson said. "I was baptized as a newborn in this church in 1979. I have been raised in this church, from children's ministry all the way to college ministry. I met my husband in this church when we were in high school, we were married in this church, and our kids have been baptized and raised in this church. This church is in my blood. This church is my home."

During her teen years, Hopson was called to teach. Always drawn to children, she said she thought she would teach school forever.

"God had other plans for me," Hopson said. "My faith and strength were pushed to the limits, doors were closing, and then He opened one wide open."

In 2010, Hopson was hired as the Director of Children's Ministry. Although she had taught and run a day care, Hopson said neither completely prepared her for her current position.

"I was terrified, but I knew I loved kids and wanted to share my faith with them and their families," Hopson said. "My goal is to teach the basics of the Bible and give children a strong, firm foundation in Jesus Christ."

Hopson said God has used FUMC to make her a person who will pour everything she has into making sure the kids who walk into the building know they are loved and created perfectly by God.

"As the kids move through kids' ministry, the depth of what they learn changes," Hopson said. "It moves beyond the basic Bible stories to the history of the stories, the why of the stories, how God teaches us from the stories, to how we learn to live by following God and becoming a true, faithful disciple of Jesus Christ."

Hopson said by the time children move to youth, she hopes children will know who God is, know their identity in Christ, and begin to disciple those around them. She hopes families will take advantage of "The Amazing Science Show" to share their faith in a creative, fun way.

"I want it to be loud. I want it to be big," Hopson said. "I want our halls to be full of kids and families excited and walking out our doors ready to share their experience—that Christ experience—with everybody they talk to when they leave."



The Amazing Chemistry Show
Coming Wednesday, April 25 at 6:00 pm

Team Meetings & Announcements

UMW Book Review: Thursday, March 1 9:30 am, Church Library

SPRC Meeting: Monday, March 12 6:00 pm, Church Library

Finance Committee: Monday, March 19 6:00 pm, Rm #113

Trustees Meeting: Monday, March 26 6:00 pm, Rm #113

Choir Practice: Wednesday nights @ 7:30

Church Office Closed: Good Friday, March 30

Canyon Boy Scouting Luncheon

Tuesday, March 6, 2018 12:00PM-1:00PM

Cole Community Center

Honoring:
The Sappington Family
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For their years of unwavering support of
scouting and the community

Save the date! Table Sponsorships and individual seats available
RSVP required to attend!

Contact: Lynsey Davis (806)679-3314 or lynsey.davis@scouting.org



Carolyn Castro joined our church by transfer of membership from Trinity Fellowship in Amarillo, Texas. Carolyn works right here at FUMC as a youth intern. Welcome to FUMC Carolyn. We are thrilled you have joined our church family.



Michelle Williams, who is married to FUMC member Wade Williams, joined our church by transfer of membership. Together Michelle and Wade have 4 boys! Dominic Rodriguez and Samuel Rodriguez are pictured to the left. Michelle is a nurse at BSA Hospital. Welcome to FUMC Michelle, Dominic, and Samuel.

Welcome New Members